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SUBJECT: FPRI STUDY ON BRAZIL' S FUTURE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL
POLITICS

1. AMBASSADOR ROUNTREE HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. WILLIAM R. KINTNER, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (FPRI), ENCLOSING COPY OF PENULTIMATE DRAFT REPORT OF FPRI STUDY ON " BRAZIL' S FUTURE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS". DR. KITNER HAS ASKED FOR ANY EMBASSY COMMENTS ON STUDY FOR INCLUSION IN FINAL PAPER BY APRIL 1 ST. BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY OF THIS STUDY AND ATTENDANT COVERAGE IN U. S. AND BRAZIL MEDIA PARTICULARLY THROUGH REPRODUCTION OF JACK ANDERSON COLUMN, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD RESPOND DIRECTLY TO DR. KINTNER IN MANNER IT DEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE.

2. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE STUDY, I. E., THAT BRAZIL SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH TO SUSTAIN A GROWING IMPORTANCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, ACHIEVING GREAT POWER STATUS BEFORE THE END OF THE CENTURY.

3. OVER HALF OF THE STUDY IS DEVOTED TO AN EXAMINATION OF THE BRAZILIAN DOMESTIC SCENE. WHILE THIS ASPECT IS IMPORTANT, EMBASSY FEELS THIS SECTION COULD BE CURTAILED IN LENGTH AND DEALT WITH MORE PRECISELY. GREATER ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE BRAZILIAN INITIATIVES IN INTERNATIONAL
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RELATIONS. WE ALSO BELIEVE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN FORMULATING DOCTRINE UNDER PRECEPTS OF "1964 REVOLUTION" IS OVERSTATED.

4. WHILE FPRI STUDY CORRECTLY NOTES BRAZIL'S PRIMARY ASSERTIVENESS IN NEXT DECADE WILL BE IN LATIN AMERICA, EMBASSY FEELS SECTION ON BRAZIL - LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS (CHAPTER X) SHOULD BE COVERED IN MORE DEPTH. GREATER EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EXAMINING BRAZIL'S FUTURE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY HER SOUTH AMERICAN NEIGHBORS. PART ON ARGENTINA, FOR INSTANCE, DEALS IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL WITH PAST RELATIONS, BUT ANALYSIS OF FUTURE IS SOMEWHAT SKETCHY. ALSO, THERE SEEMS TO BE OVEREMPHASIS ON THE ASPECT OF BRAZIL- ARGENTINE COMPETITION IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

5. PART IV, IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR U. S. POLICY, HAS BEEN VASTLY IMPROVED OVER PREVIOUS DRAFT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY STILL BELIEVES THAT GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE IMPROVED BY GIVING MORE IMAGINATIVE TREATMENT TO SPECIFIC COURSES OF ACTION U. S. MIGHT ADOPT IN CARRYING OUT OUR POLICY VIS A VIS BRAZIL.
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